

## An Unprecedented Opportunity

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The United Nations has declared 2011-2020 the [Decade of Action for Road Safety](#). The declaration complements last year's announcement by the seven multilateral development banks for '[A Shared Approach to Managing Road Safety](#).'

Many countries are now developing road safety strategies for the Decade. The time is right to adopt an inspirational vision and set ambitious, achievable and empirically-derived targets. As part of this, new expectations must be set for the way in which road infrastructure is managed for the safety of all road users.

In the lead up to, and throughout the Decade of Action, iRAP will be here to help make wide-scale infrastructure safety assessment and rating a reality. We look forward to working with you to prevent millions of deaths and serious injuries.



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The [Road Safety Toolkit](#) provides free information on the causes and prevention of serious road crashes. Building on decades of road safety research, the Toolkit helps engineers, planners and policy makers develop safety plans for car occupants, motorcyclists, pedestrians, bicyclists, heavy vehicle occupants and public transport users.

Our [3 minute video](#) provides an overview of how to use the website. You can also help promote the Road Safety Toolkit by hosting a [web button](#) on your website.

The [Road Safety Toolkit](#) will be constantly improved. If you have any suggestions, please contact Greg Smith, Regional Director, Asia Pacific, at [greg.smith@irap.org](mailto:greg.smith@irap.org).



## **Preventing Thousands of Deaths and Injuries in Uganda**

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One of the key observations has been that almost the entire network caters of at least some pedestrian traffic and 1/3 caters for a high level of pedestrian movement. However, just 2% of the network has pedestrian footpaths in place. This finding takes particular importance when it is considered that some 15 pedestrians are killed or seriously injured in Uganda each day.



Consultations on the preliminary results are now taking place, and this will lead to the finalisation of a large scale plan of improvements. The iRAP Uganda project is being undertaken in partnership with Ministry of Works and Transport, Uganda National Road Authority and Tullow Uganda Operations.

For more information on the project, contact John Mumford, Africa Director at [john.mumford@irap.org](mailto:john.mumford@irap.org).

## Making the Meso Americano Highway Safe

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**Plans are underway to improve the safety of the Meso Americano Highway, which provides a vital link between seven Central American countries.**

The 4,200km long highway is a vital transport link between Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. Governments of the countries along the route, the [Inter American Development Bank](#) and iRAP have begun charting a plan that will ultimately see investments made in affordable road safety infrastructure that could prevent thousands of deaths and serious injuries each year.



The Meso Americano project is one of a number of iRAP projects in Latin America and the Caribbean, where some 80,000 people are killed in road crashes each year. It has been estimated that between 2000 and 2020 road deaths will increase by 48% unless concerted action is taken.

In the seven countries along the Meso American Highway, more than 20,000 people lose their lives in road crashes each year.

For more information, contact Julio Urzua, Regional Director, Latin America and the Caribbean at [julio.urzua@irap.org](mailto:julio.urzua@irap.org).

## Victoria is Building Safe Roads

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In 2009, the Australian State of Victoria recorded its lowest road toll in history. The ground breaking [Safer Road Infrastructure Program](#) has been an integral part of the success.

Victoria recently announced a \$67 million (US\$62 m) boost to improve safety on roads with a history of run-off-road and intersection crashes. Over the past five years, run-off-road crashes accounted 28% of serious injuries on Victorian roads, while intersection crashes accounted for 45% of serious injuries.



This investment is part of the [Safer Road Infrastructure Program](#), which will see \$650 million (US\$598 m) invested between 2007 and 2018. It's a proactive approach that specifically targets safety, integrating barriers at roadsides and in medians, removing trees and improving lane markings.

It has already demonstrated outstanding benefits, with earlier smaller scale phases of the program estimated to have prevented more than 150 serious crashes, with crash cost savings equating to around 4 times the cost of the investment. They are impressive statistics for a State with a population of just 5 million.

Throughout the program, [AusRAP](#) has been assessing the safety of roads and promoting the life-saving potential of safer infrastructure. For example, the Calder Freeway was once a two-lane, two-way road, but when it was upgraded to a modern four-lane freeway, [AusRAP](#) showed that its rating jumped from 2-stars to 4-stars almost overnight.

The Victorian program is a model for what could be achieved across the world during the Decade of Action for Road Safety. For more information on Victoria's experience and AusRAP, contact Peter Daly, Chair, AusRAP Technical Working Group at [peter\\_daly@racv.com.au](mailto:peter_daly@racv.com.au).

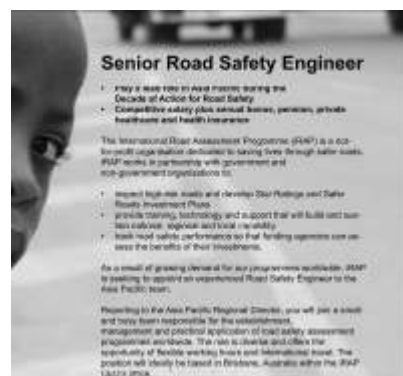
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Reporting to the Asia Pacific Regional Director, the Senior Road Safety Engineer will join a small and busy team responsible for the establishment, management and practical application of road safety assessment programmes worldwide.

The ideal candidate will have 5-10 years experience in



**Senior Road Safety Engineer**

- Play a key role in road safety during the Decade of Action for Road Safety
- Competitive salary plus annual bonus, pension, private healthcare and health insurance

The International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to saving lives through safer roads. iRAP works in partnership with government and non-government organisations to:

- improve high-risk roads and develop Star Ratings and Safer Roads Investment Plans
- provide training, technology and support that will build safer roads, reduce injuries and road mortality
- track road safety performance so that funding agencies can assess the benefits of their investments

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Reporting to the Asia Pacific Regional Director, you will join a small and busy team responsible for the establishment, management and practical application of road safety assessment programmes worldwide. This role is located and offers the opportunity of flexible working hours and international travel. The position will ideally be based in Brisbane, Australia within the iRAP SAFTA office.

road safety or transportation, have degree qualifications in an engineering or science related subject and demonstrate exceptional analytical, statistical and communications skills.

If you are interested in applying, or know someone who is, contact Greg Smith at [greg.smith@irap.org](mailto:greg.smith@irap.org). The [Position Description](#) is available on the iRAP website.

## Save the Date

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- **Africa:** iRAP workshop, September 2010 (location to be determined). Contact [John.Mumford@irap.org](mailto:John.Mumford@irap.org) for more information.
- **Latin America and Caribbean:** iRAP workshop and Road Safety Forum, September 2010, Mexico. Contact [Julio.Urzua@irap.org](mailto:Julio.Urzua@irap.org) for more information.
- **Asia Pacific:** iRAP Workshop and GRSP Road Safety Summit, October 2010, Cambodia. Contact [Greg.Smith@irap.org](mailto:Greg.Smith@irap.org) for more information.
- **iRAP Global Stakeholder Workshop:** 22-24 November 2010, Windsor/London, UK. Contact [Brenda.King@irap.org](mailto:Brenda.King@irap.org) for more information.
- **iRAP Training Courses:** The first of a series of iRAP Training Courses will be held from 21-25 July 2010 in Malaysia. The courses are designed for iRAP practitioners and organisations wishing to gain accreditation to undertake iRAP projects. Contact [Rob.McInerney@irap.org](mailto:Rob.McInerney@irap.org) for more information.



## About iRAP

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The International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to saving lives. Our vision is a world free of high risk roads. The programme is

also the umbrella organisation for [EuroRAP](#), [AusRAP](#), [usRAP](#) and [KiwiRAP](#).



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